

REMARKS

In response to the *Ex Parte Quayle* Action mailed June 9, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-23 have been allowed. Herein, Applicants make claim amendments to address objections raised by the Examiner, and provide comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons For Allowance.

Claim Objections

Independent claim 10 is objected to for including a typographical error. Specifically, the text "node_is" on line 13 of claim 10 is a misspelling. Claim 10 is amended herein to replace the misspelling with the text "node is." Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claim 10 be withdrawn.

Comments On Examiner's Statement Of Reasons For Allowance

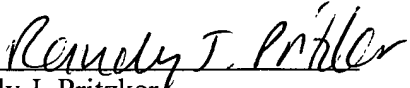
In paragraph 3, the Office Action indicates that claims 1-23 are allowable over the prior art of record "in light of Applicants' remarks filed on March 22, 2006." Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-23 are allowable because the prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest the limitations of the claims. If there is disagreement on this point, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below so that the record can be clarified in this respect.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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